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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Transportation Being Provided to St. Lucie County Shelters for Hurricane Irma

ST. LUCIE COUNTY – St. Lucie County's Emergency Management Division is working with community partners to provide transportation to area shelters today and tomorrow before Hurricane Irma's arrival.

- Residents seeking transportation to the General Population Shelters can call 772-204-RIDE (7433) today from 1 – 5 p.m.
- Residents that need transportation to the Special Needs Shelter (Havert L. Fenn Center) can call 772-464-RIDE (7433) today from 1 – 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Shelters

St. Lucie County opened the special needs shelter today at 9 a.m., which is located at the Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. As of noon, there are roughly 135 residents at the shelter. Residents planning to use the special needs shelter must pre-register at www.stlucieco.gov/eoc.

The schedule for openings has been revised: Four general population shelters will open Friday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. including:

- Westwood High School, 1801 Angle Road, Fort Pierce, which will also serve as a pet-friendly shelter. Residents need to bring crates for their pets, as well as food, water and litter. All pets must have up-to-date vaccinations. Pets, along with their owners, will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Treasure Coast High School, 1000 SW Darwin Blvd. Port St. Lucie.

- Westgate K-8 School, 1050 NE Cashmere Blvd., Port St. Lucie.
- Fort Pierce Central High School, 4101 South 25th Street, Fort Pierce.

The rest of the general population shelters will open on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m.:

- Chester A Moore Elementary, 827 N 29th Street, Fort Pierce
- Floresta Elementary, 1501 SE Floresta Drive, Port St Lucie
- Lakewood Park Elementary, 7800 Indrio Road, Fort Pierce.
- Morningside Elementary, 2300 SE Gowin Dr, Port St Lucie.
- Oak Hammock Elementary, 1251 SW California Blvd, Port St Lucie.
- Parkway Elementary School, 7000 NW Selvitz Rd, Port St Lucie.
- Samuel S. Gaines Academy, 2250 S Jenkins Rd, Fort Pierce.

A reminder that mandatory evacuations will be issued for residents on North & South Hutchinson Island, in low-laying areas and those living in manufactured homes, starting Friday at 3 p.m. Once residents leave those areas, they will not be allowed re-entry until the storm passes and public safety officials have cleared the roads. For a map of shelters and evacuations routes visit: www.stlucieco.gov/hurricane.

St. Lucie County is in a Level 1 (full) Activation until the storm passes. Once the EOC is fully activated, updates will be provided on WQCS 88.9 FM and on the county's Facebook pages at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. St. Lucie County's Information Hotline, 772-460-HELP (4357), will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8.

St. Lucie County Commissioners approved a local State of Emergency Declaration Tuesday evening; while Florida Gov. Scott issued a statewide declaration on Monday.

For more information about the St. Lucie County's preparations and precautionary measures visit: www.stlucieco.gov/hurricane or on social media @StLucieGov.

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